

**Montgomery County Commissioners Meeting**

**February 18, 2003 ~ 6:00 p.m.**

**Chairman – William D. Maness “Billy”**

**Vice-Chairman – Dolon W. Corbett**

**Commissioner - Sally M. Morris**

**Commissioner – R.C. Bostic**

**Commissioner – George H. Knight, Jr.**

**County Manager – Lee Matthews**

**Clerk – Laura B. Morton**

**County Attorney – Russell J. Hollers**

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Montgomery County Commissioners' Room. All board members were present. Chairman Maness called to meeting to order and the following was heard:

Rev. Michael Madaris with Stoney Fork Baptist Church gave the invocation.

There were no minutes ready for approval.

***Public Forum***

Mr. Joe Reynolds and Mrs. Sue Roark presented a check for \$75,000 to the county on behalf of Uwharrie Environmental/Republic Services.

Mrs. Rhonda Jones appeared before the board and requested the board consider allowing beer and wine sales off-premises in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Chairman Maness asked Mr. Matthews what steps would have to be taken. Mr. Matthews explained that a vote can occur one of two ways. First, the Board could adopt a resolution requesting the Board of Elections to hold an election. Or, two the people requesting the vote can circulate a petition, which requires 35% of the registered voters to have an election.

Commissioner Bostic asked if it has to be put on the ballot as approved by the Commissioners? Mr. Matthews said he would check.

Mr. Matthews was instructed to gather additional information.

**Youth Leadership Group**

Mr. Matthews recognized the youth leadership group that was in attendance.

**Board of Equalization and Review**

Tax Administrator Vickie Maness explained to the board the purpose of the Board of Equalization and Review.

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris and so the motion carried unanimously to schedule the meeting dates of the Board of Equalization and Review for April 1 and April 15.

**Request for Order to Set Date for Advertising for Delinquent Taxes**

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Knight and so the motion carried unanimously to order the Tax Administrator to set the date for advertising delinquent taxes.

**Approval of Deed Transferring Railroad Right-of-Way from Montgomery County to Homanit USA, Inc.**

Mr. Matthews explained that Homanit and Jordan Lumber originally deeded property to the county for a railroad spur to serve Homanit. The county had to own the property to receive state grant funds to build the rail spur. Now that the project is complete we are deeding the railroad right-of-way back to Homanit.

Commissioner Bostic said before we vote, has Homanit decided what to do about the water bill? Mr. Matthews said they have started payments.

In a motion made by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Chairman Maness and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the deed transferring railroad right-of-way from Montgomery County to Homanit USA, Inc.

**Budget Amendments/Revisions**

Kathleen DeVore Jones presented the following Health Department Budget Revisions:

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Knight and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the budget amendments/revisions for Bioterrorism, March of Dimes, Diabetes, WIC, Child Health, Family Planning, and Child Services Coordinator budgets. *A copy of these budget amendments/revisions are on file in the clerk's office.*

**Position Reclassification Request**

Mrs. Jones also requested a position reclassification. She said the Health Department operates under state personnel. This position supervises six clerks. This would change the grade from 59 to 60. It would change the salary from \$20,808 to \$21,132. Mrs. Jones said this isn't a raise it is a reclassification.

Commissioner Morris asked Mrs. Jones why she is just now bringing this to the board? Mrs. Morris said we didn't give anyone else a raise and she doesn't see how we could give one now to one person.

Commissioner Corbett asked Mrs. Jones if she initiated it or if the employee did? Mrs. Jones said I did.

Chairman Maness said we are required to follow state personnel salary grades.

Commissioner Morris asked if this couldn't have waited until budget time.

Commissioner Bostic asked Mrs. Jones if there is money in the budget to cover this? Mrs. Jones said yes.

In a motion made by Commissioner Bostic, seconded by Commissioner Knight.

Chairman Maness said he didn't like to give one employee a raise and not everybody else, but if it is required we have to.

The motion carried with a 3-2 vote. (Voting for the reclassification: Chairman Maness, Commissioner Bostic, and Commissioner Knight. Voting against the reclassification: Commissioner Morris and Commissioner Corbett.

#### **DSS Budget Amendment/Revision**

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Bostic and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the budget amendment/revision for DSS Crisis Intervention Program. *A copy of these budget amendments/revisions are on file in the clerk's office.*

#### **Items Carried Forward from the Work Session**

##### **Tobacco Resolution**

In a motion made by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Corbett, and so the motion not to endorse the Tobacco Resolution carried with a 3-2 vote. (Voting not to endorse the resolution: Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Corbett, and Chairman Maness, Voting against the motion was Commissioner Bostic and Commissioner Knight.

##### **N.C. Debt Set-off Program**

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the county become part of the N.C. Debt Set-Off Program.

##### **Piedmont Triad Council of Governments**

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris and so the motion carried 41 to pay the remaining \$649 for dues. (Voting for: Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Corbett, Commissioner Knight, and Chairman Maness. Voting Against: Commissioner Bostic).

##### **Mileage Reimbursement**

In a motion made by Commissioner Bostic, seconded by Commissioner Corbett, and so the motion carried unanimously to change the mileage rate from 34 cent to 36 cent to be with the Federal IRS standard.

Mr. Matthews said he suggested raising the rate and amend the personnel policy to state it will be the same as the IRS rate.

Chairman Maness announced the Tuesday, March 4 meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, March 5.

#### **Closed Session**

In a motion made by Chairman Maness, seconded by Commissioner Bostic and so the motion carried unanimously to recess the regular session and go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

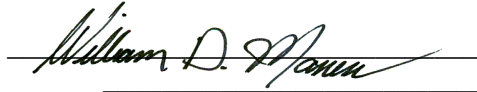
#### **Reconvene Regular Session**

In a motion made by Chairman Maness, seconded by Commissioner Corbett and so the motion carried unanimously to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the regular session.

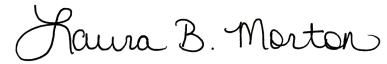
Social Services Director Jim Sanders appeared before the board. Mr. Sanders said based on information provided to the board regarding caseload in Child Protective Services Unit, specifically in investigation backlog, he requested authorization be allocated an additional Social Worker III position, to be funded within our current budget utilizing available county and state reimbursements made available.

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Chairman Maness and so the motion carried unanimously to approve this request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



William D. Maness, Chairman  
Board



Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the